

all making a furious kick, and even those which are in favor of Thurman say that they don't know whether they will vote for him or not. He has undoubtedly well considered this opposition before he took the step, and turns a deaf ear to all the threats and promises of the friends of Grant. He will do as he pleases, and he is supposed to have done so.

It is not probable that the friends of Grant will want to get the control of Ohio's vote in the National Convention so as to throw it in his own hands. He is not a man who would do that; but if they were convinced that the men who would be elected by the Convention, they would not feel so badly over the matter. But Eldon Thompson is too much alike to make it safe to say that he would do so.

There is a sort of magnetism about such kindred spirits as Grant and Thurman, and they are the critical time. Who can tell but Thurman may be sold out to the man who has the barrel?

PRESIDENTIAL.

PENNSYLVANIA FOR BLAINE.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 24.—A few weeks before Grant visited this city, similar to the nation of the people for President. Recently there has been a great change, and the counties of West-Pennsylvania are not only instructed for Blaine, but public institutions, young-school mills, etc., by straw, indicate a decided preference for the Maine statesman. In Fayette county the Southern delegate is for Grant, but the Representative is for Blaine. In Erie county it is said the feeling of the people is for Blaine. It is impossible to account for the tidal-wave, and the feeling of the people is for Blaine. A sudden reaction and intense feeling against Grant is sweeping everything out of Blaine. Almost the entire population of Pennsylvania are sounding Blaine's praises.

GRANT'S CHALLENGE.

BOSTON, Jan. 24.—The Evening Transcript, which is a sturdy opponent of Grant's re-nomination, has issued a challenge to the large number of leading business men of Boston, all of whom declare a third term contrary to the interests of the country. The Transcript thus think are the Hon. Weston Lewis, of Lowell; the Hon. Charles Sumner, of Boston; the Hon. Allen, Lane & Co.; Ezra Farnsworth, of Parkersburg; and C. C. the Hon. George C. Richardson, of New York. The Transcript also, C. Henry P. Kildner, of Kildner, Peabody & Co.; the Hon. Franklin Haven, ex-Secretary of the Navy; the Hon. William H. Pacific Mills, the Hon. Frank H. Brewster, of the Hon. Joseph H. Ropes, and J. Ingersoll Howland, of New York. The Transcript has a strong anti-Grant and anti-Blaine movement is making in this State.

GRANT'S CHANCE.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—Some leading politicians profess to believe that Gen. Grant will have the support of the Chicago Convention, and that the result will be a re-election of Grant. They think that Grant will be nominated by the votes of New York and Pennsylvania, and will carry the Northern States, adding to this

ILLINOIS.

THE REPUBLICAN CAUCUS.
Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.
Special Agents of the Chicago Police Department have lately been discussing the time of holding the coming Republican State Convention, and the date generally agreed upon seems to be the 15th of May. The Executive Committee will meet at Chicago in about a month to select the place for the coming convention, and it is expected that there will be at this meeting one of the largest gatherings of politicians ever known in the State on such an occasion.

CRIMINAL NEWS.
CHARGED WITH ARSON.
Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.
GALENA, Ill., Dec. 23.—Miss Jennie Farrell, an educated and comely young lady of Lancaster, Wis., is now undergoing examination on the charge of being the author of a fire which destroyed the residence of Joseph Ballin, of that village, some time

an account of which was telegraphed from Springfield, Ill., to the Department of Justice, the destruction of Mr. Hustile's property was the result of the action of Grand Jurors. The grand jury was unable to solve, and the case of an experienced detective were secured and soon located the property of Mr. Hustile. The detective is said to have been extremely lenient in his treatment of the woman, and to have been little anxious on the part of the people of Springfield, Ill., to have the woman in the understanding of the lady charged with the crime.

SENTENCE COMMUTED.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 28.—The Governor has commuted the sentence of William Marshall to one year. Marshall was convicted of horse-stealing by the Springfield Circuit Court in March, 1876, and sentenced to the Penitentiary for three years. His sentence is commuted on the ground that he has been a diligent journey on the ground that the sentence was excessive, though it was the minimum fixed by law.

NOTED FORGERS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Two more members of the band of forgers to which Cole and Gilligan, the two arrested counterfeiters, are known, have been captured. They gave the names of Charles and George. Charles was arrested on Thursday and Saturday night a week ago; they carried checks to the amount of \$2,000 and \$1,000, and the Bank of America has been one of the smartest forgers in the country.

MURDEROUS ASSAULT.
Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.
Decatur, Ill., Jan. 25.—A man who has been arrested here for murder and is being held by Jerry Johnson, who, it is charged, seduced the prisoner's young wife, Mook, in a quarrel at the jail, was this morning, when he was left alone, the penknife-blade penetrating the Johnson's chances for recovery are very slight.

HE GETS SEVEN YEARS.
Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.
QUINCY, Ill., Jan. 25.—At 11 o'clock last night

BURGALARIZED.
Special Dispatch To The Chicago Tribune.
CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—About a dozen
men haunting burglar entered the hotel har-
bored of the police, and carried off the cash and
valuables to the amount of \$125.

BURGULAR SNOT.
CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—A burglar named
Harry Stevenson was fatally shot this morning
by a policeman attempting to escape from
store he was robbing.

A REMARKABLE STATEMENT.
Special Dispatch To The Chicago Tribune.
CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—A most remarkable letter
has just been received from William
J. E. Dickinson, of Petersburg, Monard
unit, stating that a letter written by her
brother, John Dickinson, was found in the

[illegible]

THE ICE COP.
Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.
WATERBURY, Wis., Jan. 28.—No ice has been thrown at this time and the prospect of a hard looks dubious. For several winters past thousands of tons have been cut from the river and stored in piles at present the channel is almost free of ice. *Special to Tribune.*

OCEAN STEAMSHIP NEWS.
London, Jan. 28.—The steamship City of New York and Gellert, from New York, the latter Hamburg, have arrived out.
New York, Jan. 28.—Arrived, Oshika, from Queenstown.
New York, Jan. 28.—Arrived, Buxton, from New York; City of Havana, from New York.

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and arm them with the best of breech-loading weapons of long range and deep penetration supplied from the War Department at Washington; and even with this formidable equipment the officers found their task no easy one, as the illicit distillers, supplied with the best arms to be had in the locality, were determined to resist, and drive off the Federal forces. Reports from the quarter tell of many battles between the law-officers and the law-breakers, in which the latter were in the end worsted, but with the sympathy of the people strongly in their favor, the moonshiners will doubtless find means to evade and resist the law, and the collection of the internal revenue will continue to be an affair of skirmishes and retreats.

The man named Smith, who still keeps up the shallow pretense of signing himself Governor of Maine, is out in a proclamation in which he directs attention to a fact of which the people of Maine are already aware, and which they undoubtedly for the greater part approve—that is, the occupation of the State-House by a force sufficient to defend it against any attempt to obtain possession by violence of the people of the State. In the proclamation the people are requested to display of military power, the man Smith makes an assertion which there is ample ground for characterizing as a deliberate falsehood when he declares that there is not now and never has been on the part of the Federal troops any intention of preparation or design to resort to force. This statement is made in the face of abundant evidence that the Federalists have already begun the organization of military companies, and that members of Smith's alleged staff had a hand in the enrollment and organization of the Maine National Guard. There can have been no other incentive than that of an ultimate resort to force sufficient to hold the Supreme Court and the organization of the Maine National Guard. The Federalists should ever obtain possession of the State-House by peaceful means, Smith's pretense that no force was contemplated is as false as his claim to the right to write "Governor" at the end of his name. The law-officers of Maine had no intention of making a plot to organize a mob of men bearing arms and capture the State-House, and took timely measures to prevent its consummation; that is all there is to the Maine situation.

THE MOTIVS FOR THE FRAUD IN MAINE.
The situation of affairs in the State of Maine is peculiar, and at the same time humiliating to the National sentiment in favor of honest elections and obedience to law. The election for Governor and Legislature last November in Maine resulted in a large plurality of votes for the Republican candidate for Governor. His vote looked but 300 of a majority of all the votes given for the other candidates. Lacking a majority of the whole vote, the choice of Governor devolved, under the Constitution of the State, upon the Legislature, the House selecting two members to send them to the Senate, and that body selecting one of them for the office of Governor. In 1878 a like failure to elect a Governor had resulted in the choice by the Legislature of Garcelon, a Democrat, the Democrats and Greenbackers uniting for that purpose. In 1880 Garcelon, Democrat, and Smith, Greenbacker, were again candidates, and it was the purpose of the Federalists to elect Smith Governor. If the combination could get control of the Legislature. But the election did not so result. The law of Maine providing that the returns of the election of members of the Legislature should be made to the Governor and his method, that if any errors of form or of omission appear on the returns, notice should be given that such errors or defects should be corrected. Gov. Garcelon, however, disregarded this law and this notice. Acting secretly, he rejected returns because of defects in form, and sent to the Senate and the House, without any notice, the returns of the election of members of the Legislature, and in this way he secured the election of Smith Governor. The Governor acted arbitrarily, determined to seize possession of the Legislature, and in this way he secured the election of Smith Governor, into which Smith was to be elected.

The Constitution of Maine contains this provision: "They the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court shall have power to give their opinion upon important questions of law, and upon solemn occasions, when required by the Governor, Council, Senate, or House of Representatives." The Supreme Court of the record of its proceedings, and asked the opinion of the Court upon various points arising therein. The Supreme Court (five Republicans and three Federalists) unanimously certified to him that his acts had been illegal, and that the motive he had excluded had been legally elected. Garcelon, however, retired from office next day. When the Legislature met the Federalists attempted to seize the organization of the Legislature, but lacked a quorum, even with their counted-in friends. The other members refused to recognize the Federalists. A series of questions covering the legality of the elections in all the disputed cases, and the Court in due time certified its judgment declaring those who had been legally elected, despite the Governor's amendment and revision of the returns. The Federalists have since then been keeping up a show of organization, for what purpose was not known, until it was discovered that they had planned a forcible seizure of the State offices, and had secretly arranged a coup d'état. This was discovered, and proper preparations were made for its defeat. The Federalists themselves have now requested the opinion of the Supreme Court upon a series of questions concerning the legality of certain proceedings, and now they are waiting for an answer. Of the honor of that answer there can be any doubt. What?

It is proposed to keep up the pretense of a second Government in Maine, against the notorious facts, and against the solemn judgments of the Supreme Court. What is the end sought? It is certainly not for the mere purpose of keeping a certain number of persons in office, to the exclusion of a like number of other persons. Personal ambition for mere honorary places at best does not furnish a sufficient motive for inviting a civil war in Maine. It is represented that these proceedings in Maine have been instigated by official and other Democratic leaders in other States. What, then, is the purpose? Is this whole scramble over a few local offices in Maine to be used as the preliminary to a series of similar and dangerous adventures in their efforts to break up the business of producing untaxed whisky. It was found necessary to organize a force of fifty Deputy-Collectors,

20,000 majority. But, had the Federalists succeeded in getting possession of a majority of the Legislature and of the Governor

OVER-SUNDAY.

Threatening Aspect of Affairs in Maine on Saturday.

A Fusion Attack on the State House Thought to Have Been Imminent.

The Lawful State Militia Forces Mobilized in Time to Prevent It.

Failure of the Conspiracy to Remove Collector Merriam, of the Eighth Illinois District.

Outrigger in New York of the Spoilsive Crisis in the Wheat Market.

MAINE.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 24.—The Boston Herald special from Augusta says that three companies of troops and a Gatling gun arrived at the State House.

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